

Whereas the damage that is caused by MPS makes it a model for the study of many other degenerative genetic diseases;

Whereas the development of effective therapies and a potential cure for MPS diseases can be accomplished by increased awareness, research, data collection, and information distribution;

Whereas the Senate is an institution than can raise public awareness about MPS; and

Whereas the Senate is also an institution that can assist in encouraging and facilitating increased public and private sector research for early diagnosis and treatments of MPS diseases: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 15, 2009, as “National MPS Awareness Day”; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of “National MPS Awareness Day”.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the reason we say “MPS” is the word is hard to pronounce. It is spelled M-U-C-O-P-O-L-Y-S-A-C-C-H-A-R-I-D-O-S-I-S. I commend the Senators for moving this forward. It is a very complex problem many people have. More awareness should be made of this condition. As a result, we are confident and hopeful that because this resolution passes, there will be more medical research about this condition, MPS.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we now proceed to S. Res. 144.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 144) supporting the goals and ideals of National Woman's Health Week.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 144) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 144

Whereas women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to greatly reduce the risk of common diseases through preventive measures such as a healthy lifestyle that includes engaging in regular physical activity, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular check-ups and preventative screenings;

Whereas significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African-American women, Asian-Pacific Islander women, Latinas, American-Indian women, and Alaska Native women;

Whereas healthy habits should begin at a young age;

Whereas it is important to educate women and girls about the significance of awareness of key female health issues;

Whereas the Offices on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality are vital to providing critical services in supporting women's health research, education, and other necessary services that benefit women of any age, race, or ethnicity;

Whereas National Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day annually and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women's health issues;

Whereas May 11, 2009, is National Women's Check-Up Day; and

Whereas in 2009, the week of May 10 through May 16 is dedicated as National Women's Health Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the importance of preventing diseases that commonly affect women;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week;

(3) calls on the people of the United States to use National Women's Health Week, which begins on May 10, 2009, as an opportunity to learn about health issues that face women;

(4) calls on the women of the United States to observe National Women's Check-Up Day by receiving preventive screenings from their health care providers; and

(5) recognizes the importance of federally-funded programs that provide research and collect data on common diseases in women.

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2009, AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 145.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 145) designating May 17 through May 23, 2009, as “National Public Works Week.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements relating to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 145) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 145

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the people of the United States;

Whereas those facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts

of public works professionals, including engineers and administrators, who represent State and local governments throughout the United States;

Whereas those individuals design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation systems, water infrastructure, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities that are vital to the citizens and communities of the United States; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the public for citizens and civic leaders to understand the role that public infrastructure plays in protecting the environment, improving public health and safety, contributing to economic vitality, and enhancing the quality of life of every community of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of May 17 through May 23, 2009, as “National Public Works Week”; and

(2) recognizes and celebrates the important contributions that public works professionals make every day to improve—

(A) the public infrastructure of the United States; and

(B) the communities that those professionals serve; and

(3) urges citizens and communities throughout the United States to join with representatives of the Federal Government and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies that are designed—

(A) to pay tribute to the public works professionals of the United States; and

(B) to recognize the substantial contributions that public works professionals make to the United States.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning, Wednesday, May 13; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to executive session, with 1 hour for debate, equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of the time, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Hayes nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 1:30 tomorrow afternoon for a Democratic caucus.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to come in tomorrow morning, and we will vote at approximately 10:30 on whether we are going to invoke cloture on the motion to close debate on the Hayes nomination. It is a very important nomination for Secretary

Salazar. We are going to recess from 12:30 to 1:30 for a caucus, where a number of the President's people will be giving us information that we and they feel is important.

Tomorrow night, at 6:30, everybody should be reminded there is a Senate spouses' dinner—both Democrats and Republicans with their spouses. We will have a nice dinner at the Botanic Garden. This is done every year following the First Lady's luncheon. It is a good night for us to meet in a nonadversarial role. The Botanic Garden at this time of year is a remarkably beautiful place.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:36 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

WILLIAM J. WILKINS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND AN ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE DONALD KORB, RESIGNED.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

CHRISTINE M. GRIFFIN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, VICE HOWARD CHARLES WEIZMANN, RESIGNED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JEFFREY D. ZIENTS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE CLAY JOHNSON, III, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM T. LORD

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 10506 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH J. TALUTO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DENNIS L. VIA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD G. BUNCH
BRIGADIER GENERAL STUART M. DYER
BRIGADIER GENERAL GLENN J. LESNIAK
BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES D. LUCKEY
BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY W. TALLEY
BRIGADIER GENERAL LUIS R. VISOT

To be brigadier general

COLONEL MARK C. ARNOLD
COLONEL LAWRENCE W. BROCK III
COLONEL DWAYNE R. EDWARDS
COLONEL STEVEN J. FELDMANN
COLONEL FERNANDO FERNANDEZ
COLONEL JONATHAN G. IVES
COLONEL BUD R. JAMESON, JR.
COLONEL BRYAN R. KELLY
COLONEL JON D. LEE
COLONEL MARK T. MCQUEEN
COLONEL THERESE M. O'BRIEN
COLONEL LUCAS N. POLAKOWSKI
COLONEL PETER T. QUINN
COLONEL ROBERT L. WALTER, JR.
COLONEL JAMES T. WILLIAMS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES W. KWIATKOWSKI
BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY S. LAWSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL DEBORAH S. ROSE
BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWIN A. VINCENT, JR.

To be brigadier general

COLONEL STEPHEN M. ATKINSON
COLONEL PAUL L. AYERS
COLONEL DANIEL S.V. BADER
COLONEL DARYL L. BOHAC
COLONEL JOSEPH J. BRANDEMUEHL
COLONEL TIMOTHY T. DEARING
COLONEL SHARON S. DIEFFENDERFER
COLONEL JONATHAN S. FLAUGHER
COLONEL ROBERT M. GINNETTI
COLONEL JOHNATHAN H. GROFF
COLONEL JAMES D. HILL
COLONEL ZANE R. JOHNSON
COLONEL JOSEPH K. KIM
COLONEL KEITH I. LANG
COLONEL ROBERT W. LOVELL
COLONEL JOHN P. MCGOFF
COLONEL GUNTHER H. NEUMANN
COLONEL PAUL A. POCOPANNI, JR.
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER A. POPE
COLONEL CAROLYN J. PROTZMANN
COLONEL CARLOS E. RODRIGUEZ
COLONEL JOSE J. SALINAS
COLONEL WAYNE M. SHANKS
COLONEL WILLIAM H. SHAWVER, JR.
COLONEL JAMES C. WITHAM
COLONEL SALLIE K. WORCESTER
COLONEL WANDA A. WRIGHT
COLONEL WAYNE A. WRIGHT

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

ADM. JAMES G. STAVRIDIS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. ANN E. RONDEAU

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

DALLAS P. TONSAGER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

KRYSTA HARDEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

RAJIV J. SHAH, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS.

PEARLIE S. REED, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Tuesday, May 12, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WILLIAM CRAIG FUGATE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CYNTHIA J. GILES, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

MATHY STANISLAUS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

MICHELLE DEPASS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JOHN MORTON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted Committee of the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DALLAS P. TONSAGER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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